Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO	Complete if Known		
	Application Number	10/588,788	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	August 9, 2006	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	First Named Inventor	MURANAKA, MASAYA	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Art Unit	2193	
OTATEMENT DI ALL LICANI	Examiner Name	NGO, CHUONG D.	
(use as many sheets as necessary)			
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	XA-10628	
-			

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	U.S. Patent Document Kind Code ² Number (if known)		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	1	2004/0006580	A1	MILLER, JR.	01-08-2004		
	2	2002/0083105	A1	HOURDEQUIN et al	06-27-2002		
	3	2008/0028349	A1	MURANAKA	01-31-2008		
	4	7,282,377	B2	MURANAKA	10-16-2007		
	5	6,941,536	B2	MURANAKA	09-06-2005		
	6	5,963,104	Α	BUER	10-05-1999		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Office ³		ent d Code ⁵ known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Т6
	7	WO	03/081417	A2		10-02-2003		abstract
	8	JP	2003-332452	Α		11-21-2003		abstract
	9	WO	02/45139	A1		06-06-2002		abstract

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

^{*} EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**